

President Aristide's efforts in this regard are consistent with his stated commitment to resolve this electoral situation as quickly as possible, and to get on with the governing of Haiti. In addition, the President's actions affirm his commitment made to President Bush and others to quickly resolve any remaining election issues in a fair and open manner that recognizes and protects the decisions already made by Haiti's voters.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE JACK L.  
ROMANO

**HON. JIM DAVIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2001*

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to pay tribute to Jack L. Romano, a great leader in the Tampa Bay community, who recently lost his valiant battle with cancer at age 62.

Jack was known in Tampa for his selfless and tireless efforts on behalf of countless local charities and community organizations. Jack Romano lived his life to the fullest, always looking for ways to give back to his home. Whether he was volunteering as president of the Southwest Florida Blood Bank, or on the board of the Gulf Ridge Council of Boy Scouts, the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce, Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla or the Tampa Museum of Art, Jack gave 110 percent. Jack didn't know the meaning of "half-way." His talent and dedication touched virtually every facet of our community and his limitless good deeds will continue to inspire others to follow his example.

Jack's character was equally inspiring. His kindness was always evident in his broad smile and his welcoming handshake. He never came upon a stranger, and he treated everyone he encountered with respect and appreciation. Jack Romano was truly a gentleman in the finest sense of the word. In business, family and community, Jack was loved and respected.

Today, I would like to thank Jack Romano for dedicating his life to making Tampa and Hillsborough County a better place to live and work, and extend heartfelt sympathies on behalf of our entire community to the Romano family for their loss. Jack's departure is very much our loss too.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2001*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, due to the cancellation of my flight to Washington from my Congressional District on May 1, I missed the following 2 roll call votes:

Rollcall No. 90, on H. Con. Res. 91, "Recognizing the importance of increasing awareness of the autism spectrum disorder, and supporting programs for greater research and improved treatment of autism," which passed the House 418-1. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 91 on H. Con. Res. 95, "Supporting a National Charter Schools Week,"

which passed the House 404-6 with 7 voting present. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

IN RECOGNITION OF KRISTIN  
DEVAUL

**HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2001*

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I come before you today to honor Kristin DeVaul of Mannington, West Virginia. Kristin has accomplished a most amazing feat, of perfect attendance, through the first thirteen years of her education, from kindergarten all the way through high school.

North Marion High School is lucky to have such an outstanding student who is committed, to what she believes. Kristin, by attending every day, through sickness, conflict, and affliction, has shown that she truly believes in the importance of an education, and recognizes at an age when not all others do, the value of being educated. It is students like Kristin that make the fight for better educational standards worthwhile.

Marion County, West Virginia is home to a person with an amazing will to accomplish what she sets her mind to, and she will undoubtedly succeed in life with the strong resolve that she possesses. I would like to extend my congratulations for a job well done, and for an outstanding commitment to education!

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR.  
RONALD DURHAM

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2001*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in honoring a very special and dedicated person, Reverend Dr. L. Ronald Durham, who celebrated his 10th Pastoral Anniversary at First Mount Zion Baptist Church in my home city of Newark, New Jersey. Friends gathered on Friday, May 4th, in New Jersey to mark this milestone and to express appreciation for Reverend Dr. Durham's dynamic leadership.

Reverend Dr. Ronald Durham began his ministry at the age of 17. After studying at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina on full scholarship, he received his Bachelor's Degree in Theology from Evangel Christian University in Louisiana. He holds his Masters of Theology Degree from United Christian Seminary, as well as a Doctor of Divinity and Doctor of Christian Ministry. Dr. Durham was also given an Honorary Doctor of Sacred Theology Degree from the American Bible Institute in Falls Church, Virginia. After sixteen years of faithful service to First Baptist Church of Anderson, North Carolina, Dr. Durham joined First Mt. Zion in April of 1991. First Mt. Zion's historical background inspired him to write his Doctoral Thesis entitled "The History of the Black Baptist Church in New Jersey." During his ten years at First Mt. Zion, Pastor Durham

has had many notable achievements. Inspired by the recovery story of a good friend, Pastor Durham established the "21 Club," a Drug and Alcohol Education Program in Newark, New Jersey. He has been recognized by the City of Newark on several occasions for his outstanding community service. He initiated the federal "Weed and Seed" program for Newark, which continues to bring millions of federal dollars into the city to combat illegal drugs and restore Newark's communities. Other outstanding achievements under his inspirational leadership include: restoration of the 123-year-old sanctuary; purchasing of a church van and bus; refurbishing of a three-family property; and establishment of a stock investment program with Merrill Lynch. He has established the Inspirational Choir, Sanctuary Choir, Community Outreach Ministry; a new Youth Ministry, the Women's Support Ministry, Mother Board, Prayer Band, and the First Mt. Zion Theological Institute. He has worked to promote economic growth among African Americans. Dr. Durham led a group of 75 churches to purchase a 42-acre campground in Pennsylvania. In addition, Dr. Durham recently authored his first book entitled *The Secret Power of Prayer*, and he writes quarterly lessons entitled the Baptist Layman, a publication of the National Baptist Convention. He is a seminar leader for the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education. He serves as confidant and teacher to pastors and preachers all over the United States through his Internet ministry.

Mr. Speaker, let us offer our congratulations on this special occasion and send our best wishes for continued success to Reverend Dr. Ronald Durham as he pursues his important spiritual mission.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO MRS.  
MARY LOU KUHLMAN ON NA-  
TIONAL TEACHER'S DAY

**HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2001*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Teacher's Day and to pay tribute to a very special teacher who has touched many lives. Seldom do we acknowledge the importance of the job or the depth of a teacher's commitment to our children. While many people spend their lives building careers, teachers spend their careers building lives. For this they deserve our support, praise and gratitude.

One teacher in particular deserves special recognition on National Teacher's Day, Mrs. Mary Lou Kuhlman. After 35 years of touching the lives of countless children she will be retiring. This is a true loss for my district and the state of Ohio. The children she has taught will become our future leaders, scientists, and teachers.

Mrs. Kuhlman's long and distinguished career began in the same district where she continues to teach today. A graduate of the Glandorf High School in 1960, she currently teaches at Glandorf Elementary School. She holds a degree from Mary Manse College in Toledo and has completed graduate work at Bowling Green State University. The Martha Holden Jennings Foundation honored Mrs.